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Careful review and examination of the subject application are noted and appreciated.

The allowable matter of claim 16 has been incorporated into claim 14. The functionality of allowable claim 16 has been incorporated into claim 1, as agreed to by the Examiner. As such, the claimed invention is fully patentable over the cited reference and the rejection should be withdrawn.

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Applicant's representative, John Ignatowski, spoke with Examiner Torres on February 28, 2005 via telephone regarding the allowable matter of claim 16. Applicant's representative noted that the method claim 1 uses the same wording as the apparatus claim 14 without the "means for" structure before each step. Incorporating the structure and the functionality of allowable claim 16 into the apparatus claim 14 and incorporating the functionality of allowable claim 16 into the method claim 1 would still leave claim 1 with virtually the same language as claim 16 minus the structure phrases as before. The Examiner agreed that under the above condition, claim 1 would also be allowable if amended to incorporate the functionality of claim 16. No samples were presented. No exhibits were shown.

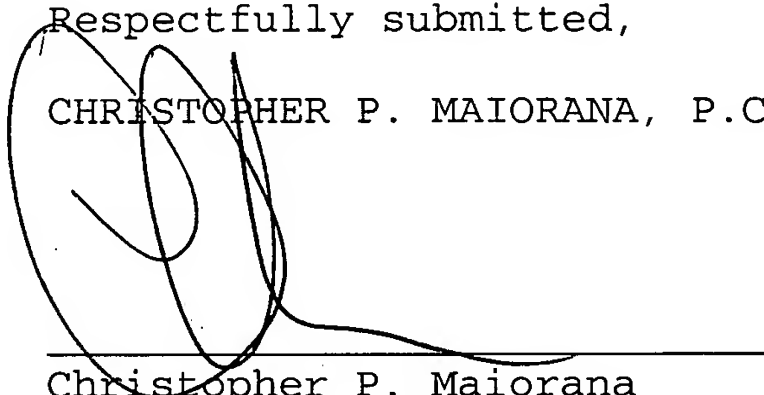
Accordingly, the present application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action by the Examiner is respectfully solicited.

The Examiner is respectfully invited to call the Applicant's representative should it be deemed beneficial to further advance prosecution of the application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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